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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of October, 1983

According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest report, the number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during October decreased by three. The October total (498) included a gain of four land crews but a decrease of seven vessels since September.

The October total (498) represents a decrease of less than 1% from last month, a 3% decrease from October, 1982, a 33% decrease from October, 1981, a 13% decrease from October, 1980, a 14% increase over October, 1979, a 34% increase over October, 1978, and a gain of 51% over the same month in 1977.

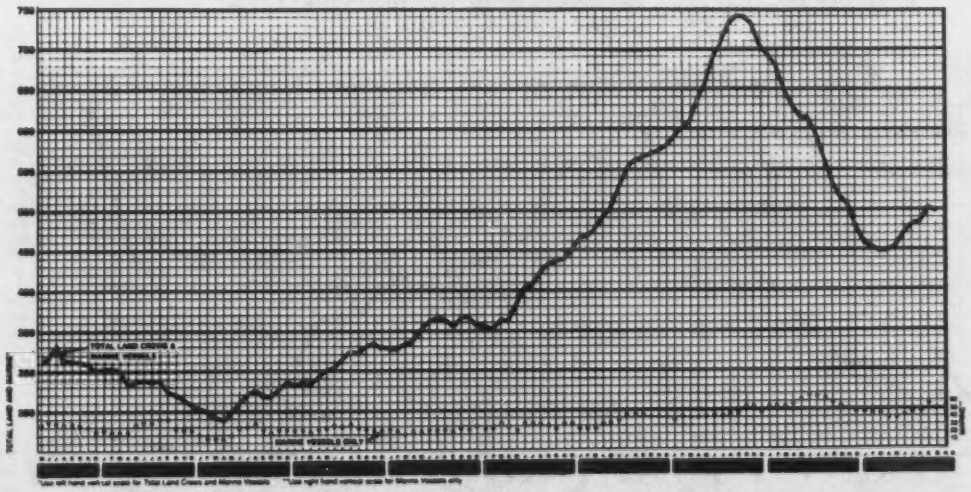
During October, four contractors were operating nine of the 410 land crews and three of the forty-two vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Oct.'82	Oct.'81	Oct.'80	Oct.'79	Oct.'78	Oct.'77
	498	501	516	741	571	436	371	330

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1977	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Oct. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1977
85 Contr's:	410	405	423	646	490	368	305	268	42	49	42	44	33	24	23	23
10 Oil Co's:	38	39	42	43	40	39	37	34	7	7	8	7	7	4	4	4
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Totals:	448	444	465	689	530	407	342	302	50	57	51	52	41	29	29	28

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

October, 1983 (September figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
26 Contractors:	66 (55)	5 (10)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (2)	0 (0)
Totals:	69 (57)	5 (10)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
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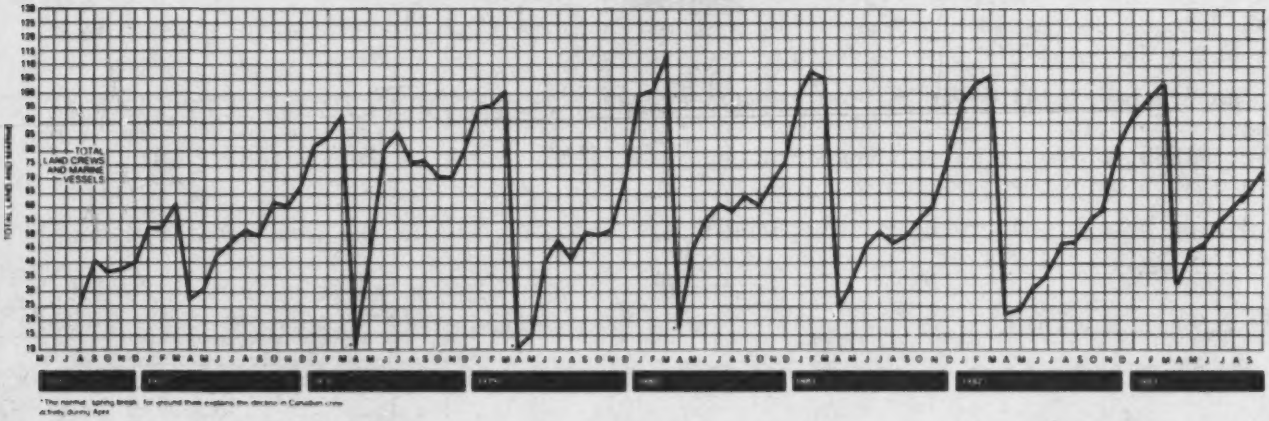
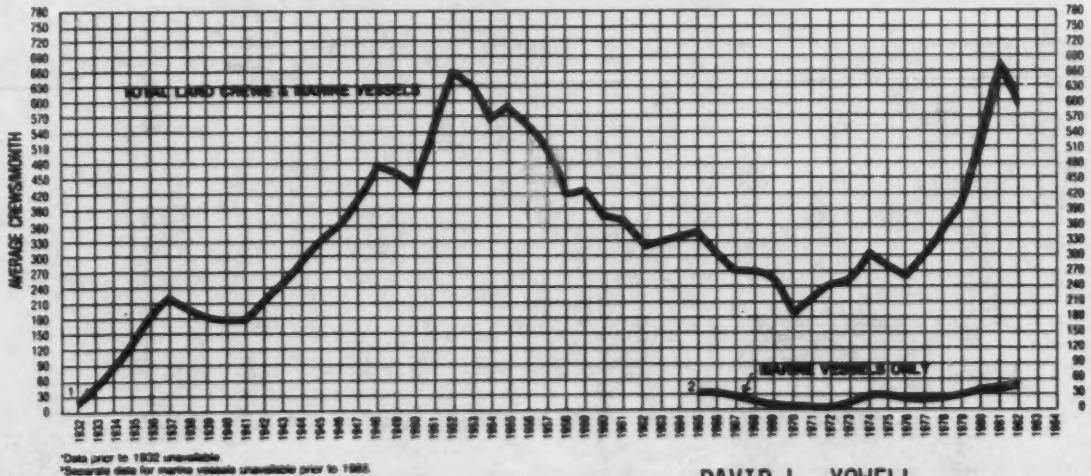


SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed in part by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(SEISMIC CREWS SEARCHING FOR OIL & GAS)



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